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**Health Officer—Appointment and Duties. (Ord. May 25, 1914.)**

ARTICLE 3. SECTION 1. The board of commissioners shall appoint a health officer for the city of Huntington, who must be a practicing physician, and who shall serve for the term of three years, unless sooner removed at the pleasure of the board of commissioners, and shall receive such salary as shall be prescribed by the board of commissioners.

SEC. 2. The specific duties of the health officer shall be:

- (a) The control of contagious, infectious, and communicable diseases.
- (b) Preservation and classification of vital statistics.
- (c) He shall keep and file suitable records of inspections and analyses provided for in this code.
- (d) He shall perform such other duties as shall be prescribed by the board of health or the board of commissioners, and do all other acts necessary for the proper enforcement of the several sections of this code.

**Physicians—Charity—Appointment and Duties. (Ord. May 25, 1914.)**

ARTICLE 4. SECTION 1. The board of commissioners shall appoint six physicians, to be known as charity physicians. The first to be appointed shall be a resident physician of the first ward, the second a resident physician of the second ward, the third a resident physician of the third ward, the fourth a resident physician of the fourth ward, the fifth a resident physician of the fifth ward, and the sixth a colored physician appointed at large. Each physician shall have charge of the charity patients within his respective ward, except the physician appointed from the fifth ward, who shall have charge of the charity patients in the territory north of the C. & O. R. R. and between Twenty-fourth Street and the Guyandotte River, as well as the patients in his ward, and the colored physician shall have charge of all colored charity patients within the city of Huntington: *Provided, however,* That in emergency cases any such physician shall attend patients in any ward at the direction of the commissioner of health and charity. Said physicians shall be employed for a period of three years, or until their successors are appointed and qualified, unless sooner removed at the pleasure of the board of commissioners; and each shall receive such salary as shall be prescribed by the board of commissioners.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the charity physician to render medical attention to all charity patients of the city of Huntington in their respective territories as aforesaid. All calls for service for such physicians shall be made through the office of the department of health and charity. Said physicians shall make report to the commissioner of health and charity at the end of each month, showing the number of patients treated, giving their names, place of residence, kind of disease, result of treatment, number of deaths, and any other information that they may deem important, or which may be required by the commissioner of health and charity.

SEC. 3. Charity physicians on visiting patients at their homes for the first time, shall note on a form supplied for this purpose, a brief report of the sanitary surroundings of said patient, and shall promptly transmit this report properly filled out to the commissioner of health and charity.

**Nuisances. (Ord. May 25, 1914.)**

ARTICLE 5. SECTION 1. Whatever is dangerous to human health, whatever renders the ground, the water, the air, or food a hazard or an injury to human health, comfort, or convenience, and the following specific acts, conditions, and things are, each and all of them, hereby prohibited and made unlawful and declared nuisances:

- (a) The deposit or accumulation of any foul, decaying, or putrescent substance, or other offensive matter, in or upon any lot, street, or highway, or in or upon any public or private place; the overflow of any foul liquids, or the escape of any gases to such

an extent that the same, or any one of them, shall become, or be likely to become hazardous to health; or that the same shall, by reason of offensive odors, become a source of discomfort to persons living or passing in the vicinity thereof.

(b) A polluted well, spring, or stream, or the pollution of any body of water used for drinking purposes.

(c) The maintenance of any privy vault or cesspool except as hereinafter provided.

(d) Keeping any building or room in such a state of uncleanness, or the crowding of persons in any building or room in such a manner as to endanger the health of the persons dwelling therein or thereabout; or so that there shall be less than 400 cubic feet of air to each adult and 150 cubic feet of air to each child under 12 years of age occupying such building or room.

(e) Allowing cellars to be used as sleeping rooms.

(f) A building or portion of a building occupied as a dwelling which is not lighted and ventilated by means of at least one window in each room, or air and light shaft or ventilator, said window or shaft or ventilator opening to the outer air, or which is not provided with a plentiful supply of pure water.

(g) The accumulation of manure unless it be in a properly constructed pit or receptacle.

(h) The accumulation of water in which mosquito larvæ breed.

(i) The maintenance, in a public place, of a roller-towel for the use of more than one person.

(j) The slopping or feeding of cattle or other animals on distillery swill, within the sanitary limits of the city, unless the inclosure wherein such slopping or feeding is done be provided with means for preventing and removing the insanitary conditions associated with such slopping or feeding.

(k) The allowing of water to stand on any lot, land, or premises, or to permit weeds to grow on any lot, land, or premises, by the person owning, having control or possession of the same, so as to work any material annoyance, inconvenience, discomfort, or injury to others, or damage the property of others.

SEC. 2. Any person violating any of the provisions of this article shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than \$10 nor more than \$100, and each day's continuance of any such nuisance or condition mentioned herein shall be a separate offense; and it shall be no defense upon the trial of any such offense that such person has not been notified of such nuisance or condition by the sanitary officer, as provided for elsewhere in this ordinance.

SEC. 3. If the owner, agent, tenant, lessee, or occupant of any premise, lot, property, building, or structure shall fail or refuse to abate or remove any such nuisance or condition as is mentioned herein or comply with the provisions of this ordinance and the regulations herein contained, the commissioner of health and charity may have said nuisance or condition abated or removed, after reasonable notice to such owner, occupant, tenant, agent, or lessee of the intention so to do, and the expense of abating or removing such nuisance or condition, with 1 per cent per month interest, shall be collected from such owner, occupant, tenant, agent, or lessee, by distress or sale, in the same manner in which taxes levied upon real estate are authorized to be collected, and such expense shall remain a lien upon said lot or part of lot, the same as taxes levied upon real estate in said city. In case of nonresident owners of real estate such notice may be served upon any tenant, occupant, lessee, or rental agent, or by publication thereof for not less than two successive weeks in two newspapers of opposite politics in said city. The commissioner of health and charity shall certify to the auditor the description of such property and the cost of abating and removing any such nuisance or condition thereon and therefrom, and the auditor shall certify the same to the treasurer to be by him collected as provided for by law.